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ROAD BUILDING

Cochise county has decided that the war is not to interfere with road building and has voted \$1,000,000 to construct through highways across that county. Pima county has given up her road building campaign due perhaps to the agitation started against the Ajo and Nogales roads, which has subsided now that these roads have proved to be all that was expected of them. The Ajo road, much criticized, is now pronounced the best road in the state. It cost the contractors many thousands of dollars more than they received and Pima county surely got a bargain in this highway.

The people of the county authorized \$100,000 for construction of a road to Mt. Lemmon. The supervisors never utilized this money but seem to have abandoned the idea for the present. If this issue is to be nullified why not issue the same amount of bonds for the construction of other roads badly needed at the present time?

Here are some of the roads which should be constructed immediately: Tucson to Mineral Hill and Twin Buttes. Vail to Mountain Springs and the county line. Tucson to Casa Grande. Ajo to Gunsight. Tucson to Silverbell.

The highway from Vail to Empire Ranch and the county line should also be completed and repaired. With the opening of the Benson route this will probably be abandoned as a state highway and if the Benson route is substituted by the state, the next state work should be done on the Vail Benson line, the county doing its work on the Davidson Canyon route. If the state is to retain the Davidson Canyon route, then the next state money should be expended there, the county completing the link from Vail to Mountain Springs and the county line.

All of these roads listed above should be constructed as soon as possible. The war should make no difference in this work. To wait until the war is over or until funds can be obtained from current taxation to build these roads is poor business. An investment in these roads will pay for itself in a much shorter time than the life of the bonds.

The mining camps will be greatly benefitted by these roads. They are contributing large amounts in taxes to the county and a vast amount of business to the city.

The road proposition should receive the immediate attention of the business, mining and other interests of Tucson and a plan of action covering the next year or two outlined.

The above is from the Tucson Citizen and we want to add that both Thomas Maddock and Lamar Cobb, the only state engineers we have ever had, are both of the opinion that the state should never have built over the Santa Ritas from Vail, but should have built to Benson from Vail. They were both equally of the opinion that the state highway from Tombstone and Fairbanks should run to Nogales via Turner, down the Barbacomari to Elgin, Sonora, Patagonia and on to Nogales, connecting with the state highway from there to Tucson. This would place the state highway where it would serve the traffic of the people. It looks as if the state must eventually give up the Empire Ranch section of the State Highway sooner or later, and it might as well be done now.

THRIFT CAMPAIGN ON IN EARNEST

That the Thrift Campaign is on in earnest in Arizona is shown by the following reports sent in to the Arizona headquarters at Phoenix:

From Globe: "We are establishing new stations every day and trying to establish about 50 stations in the city of Globe. We hope to be organized and doing very effective work in a short time."

From the Y. M. C. A.: February 12th, has been decided upon as Father and Son day throughout Arizona. On this day every Y. M. C. A. will plan a meeting when closer co-operation, friendship and helpful suggestions from Father to Son will be the theme under discussion.

From Clifton: "With reference to what we are doing, will say that we held on last Tuesday night an Executive committee meeting, and at that meeting we adopted a plan similar to the Orange, N. J., plan, and are starting in immediately with it."

From a prominent mining company: "We will co-operate with you to the extent that on next pay day, February 4th, we will purchase a Thrift Stamp and a Thrift Card and present one to each of our employees with their regular check and will also suggest that they fill the balance of the card with Thrift Stamps."

MOST EXCELLENT RUMOR

A stranger blew into town the other day from Phoenix and was over heard making the statement that Governor Hunt had said that the salary which he would receive for the time that Tom Campbell was acting Governor would be turned over to the Red Cross. That he felt he had not earned it because the work was done by another and that with such a conviction he felt that the right thing to do was to give it to that noble organization, the Red Cross. We don't know what truth if any, in the remarks, but if they are so then it is a most commendable thing on the part of Governor Hunt and will show that his heart is in the right place. Many people have criticized Governor Hunt from various angles, but while many differ with the Governor, we think that if this report is not mere gossip, that all will agree with Governor Hunt on this point. It will be a most gracious, sensible and perfectly proper proceeding to turn over the salary another did the work to earn, to that noble and world benefactor, that spreader of world wide Democracy, the Red Cross.

LAMAR COBB

Since the state of Arizona came into existence it has had two excellent state engineers. The first was Lamar Cobb, the second was Thomas Maddock, and the third, if you count it that way, is the present engineer, Lamar Cobb. Lamar Cobb is the right man in the right place and it is too bad if anything happens to hamper him in the discharge of his official duties, such as placing the state road fund in the hands of the Commission on State Institutions. The state road department is of such vital interest and of that great importance that it should not be in the hands of a Commission that has its hands full and especially one that does not understand the technical work of road building. Don't hinder Lamar Cobb in road building unless you are trying to aid the Kaiser.

IF CALIFORNIA COULD

If some of this California climate editors could only get a glimpse of Arizona they would forever close their fountain pens in talking of California climate. To be precise, "climate" originally came from Arizona. California only gets the leavings, but Californians can console herself in the fact that the leavings of Arizona's climate beats the upper crust of "back east" climate all hollow.

ABOUT PRICES

A letter received this week from Newport Rhode Island quotes the following prices: "Flour is scarce and now \$13.50 per barrel; all flour soon to be called war flour and sold in bags only. Meats are much higher in price than in Arizona. Bacon is 52 cents, ham 55, sausage 38, the poorest beef 25 cents, the tenderloin 55 and seventy-five cents. Fresh eggs 90 cents, and only two pounds of sugar allowed per week." After all there are some places where higher prices may be found than in Arizona.

Maj Geo H. Kelly, of the Douglas International, and one of the committee of Douglas citizens who are now attempting to induce Warren to offer herself on the altar of sacrifice in the county seat removal propaganda, is busy expounding the beauty and prosperity of that community. "Will you come into my parlor, says the Spider to the Fly."

Anyone who ever had to wade through the war time mail from national and other office-holders and office-seekers that reaches any newspaper office every day wouldn't waste time writing an anonymous letter.

According to information from Phoenix, Captain Henderson of Tombstone has been confirmed as disbursing officer of Arizona in place of Colonel Breen. The protests apparently were unheeded. It is claimed that Henderson made the remark that he would be glad to see England get a good licking; that he was reluctant in buying Liberty Bonds—though possessed of ample means—and that he refused to fly the American flag. None of these charges were answered by him. If he is a real American, he owes it to the people of this state to tell them so. The contempt of silence is not applicable in instances where the patriotism of a man given public trust is concerned. Unseal your lips, Mr. Henderson!—Douglas Dispatch.

ELECT LOYAL MEN TO OFFICE

The people of the United States have an important duty to perform this year as the winning of the war, and that is to see that only loyal Americans are placed in office to keep the war going and to force the issue with the Kaiser to a successful determination. One hundred percent Americans are needed. Do not blind yourself with party fealty, but see to it that if your party tries to compromise with the pacifists and pro-Germans that you will do your best to lay them away in the political graveyard. Only loyal Americans must be put on guard in every office, from constable to president.

AS THEY SEE IT

The San Antonio Light, the leading Democratic paper in San Antonio has this to say:

"The average enlisted man is not posted upon the technique of the Browning gun or of the Lewis gun nor their relative merits, but he is convinced that if he is going to kill any German he ought to have a gun of some kind."

BULLY FOR SANDY

In speaking of a young product of Arizona the El Paso Herald says:

"Young 'Sandy' Brodie having received an appointment to Annapolis, here's hoping he makes as good a navy officer as his father was an army officer and governor of Arizona."

The reported leading question in San Francisco just now is: "Have you bought Liberty Bonds, or are you from Los Angeles?" That is a dirty slap.

By the way, we wonder what happened to the Kaiser on Ground Hog Day? Did he see his shadow or not, and if he did will he act accordingly?

DRAFTED MEN LEAVE TOMBSTONE

Twenty-three volunteer drafted men were sent out from Tombstone this afternoon on the 4:15 train by the Local Board for Cochise county, which will go toward making up the quota of some 47 men lacking in the old quota of 670 in the first draft. Owing to the short space of time in which the board had to send the men away and instruct them as to their duties, no arrangements were made by the people of Tombstone for entertainment, and the members of the board took them in hand when they arrived and kept them in town until they departed at 4:15.

A banquet was held for the boys at the American Kitchen, where a farewell address was delivered by Rev. C. W. Stark, who was introduced to volunteers by Clerk Krebs of the board. Rev. Stark made a touching appeal to the boys regarding the life which they are to begin. He was followed by Mr. Wm. Delbridge of Bisbee, who talked to them about "Patriotism." He was loudly applauded and no doubt his statements will be carried in the minds of those whom he addressed. Into the battlefield and serve as a stimulant during the trials which they may have to face "over there."

A large number of friends of the boys from Tombstone and surrounding cities were at the train to bid the boys goodbye, and there was never a happier bunch sent out, according to a member of the board, than those who left this afternoon for the camp to do their bit toward downing the Kaiser. There was no compulsory act by which they were bound to report.

The following is the list of those who left:

Clarence Arnold Ridgeway.
1333—W. J. Yelverton.
1724—Ben Critchley.
2305—Walter E. Harrison.
3579—Chas. Comble.
3731—John J. Madigan.
3815—Percy R. Myers.
4022—William M. Beck.
4068—Taylor Lee Perry.
4364—Thomas E. Murphy.
4932—Sam Medigovich.
5367—Elmer John Ebbelwhite.
5772—Geo. Pitt Mizell.
6224—Jack Delbridge.
6094—Randolph Somerfield.
6396—Ralph Brown.
6382—Frank W. Volgt.
6544—Hugh Stanhouse Indford.
4140½—Charles Frederick Slosson.
1932—Onslew Callison.
4993—Archie W. Hall.
5566—Rex Scott Sartin.
2418—Handley Sprinkle.

MORE MINERS ARE WANTED FOR SERVICE

BISBEE, Feb. 6.—J. P. Hodgson of the Phelps Dodge corporation, mining department, yesterday received a telegram from Donald G. Miller, who is a captain in the 318th regiment of engineers, in training at Vancouver, Wash., which ought to be of interest to miners who have been called to the colors in the present draft. The telegram is as follows:

"According to call No. 8 of the provost marshal general of the war department, registered men may be voluntarily inducted into the engineers' corps at Vancouver barracks, Vancouver, Wash., on application to their local board. The 318th regiment of engineers, of which I am an officer, is forming here chiefly from men who enlisted previous to December 15. The grade of men is excellent, but we need miners. I would greatly appreciate any help you may give advertising this to assist us in obtaining miners."

"DONALD G. MILLER, Captain." Prior to attending the officers' training camp Captain Miller was assistant superintendent of the Phelps Dodge property at Tyrone, N. M.

TO GIVE FLAGS TO ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Feb. 2.—Flags are to be presented on Washington's birthday anniversary by the Arizona chapter Sons of the American Revolution to the Arizona regiments at Camp Funston and Kearney.

POWERFUL APPEAL FOR BIG FOOD SAVING

In promulgating the new 1918 Home Card which federal board administrators in every state now are distributing, Herbert Hoover, United States food administrator, makes a stirring appeal for further food conservation to the American people. The fields of both allies and neutrals, he insists, are lacking in manpower, fertilizer and machinery. Therefore the production of food by these counties has steadily lessened ever since the beginning of the war, while at the same time, the shortage of shipping has grown more and more serious with the consequent steady increase of difficulties in bringing food from the far-away markets of India, Australia and the Argentine.

"The situation has become critical," he states. "There is simply not enough food in Europe, yet the soldiers of the allies must be maintained in full strength, their wives and children at home must not face famine; the friendly neutrals must not be starved; and finally, our army in France must never lack a needed ounce of food."

"There is just one way in which all these requirements can be met. North America must furnish the food. And we must furnish it from our savings because we have already sent our normal surplus."

We do not need to starve our own people. We have plenty for ourselves and it is the firm policy of the food administration to retain for our people by its control of exports, a sufficient supply of every essential foodstuff. We want nobody in our country to eat less than is necessary for good health and full strength, for America needs the full productive power of all its people. Much of the needed savings can be effected by substituting one kind of food for another. But the time has come to put aside all selfishness and disloyalty. The time has come for sacrifice.

"The allies ask us to meet only their absolutely imperative needs. They are restricting the consumption of their own people to meet the minimum necessary for health and strength. They are controlling their food by drastic government regulation. There is even actual privation among their women and children; there is starvation in Belgium. "The allies need wheat and meat and fats and sugar. They must have more of all of these than we have been sending, more than we shall be able to send unless we restrict our own consumption. We can do it without harm, for, as a nation we are today eating and wasting much more food than we need."

"The whole great problem of winning the war rests primarily on one thing—the loyalty and sacrifice of the American people in the matter of food. It is not a government responsibility, it is a responsibility of each individual. Each pound of food saved by each American citizen is a pound given to the support of our army, the allies and the friendly neutrals. Each pound wasted or eaten unnecessarily is a pound withheld from them. It is a direct personal obligation on the part of each one of us to some one in Europe whom we are bound to help."

"If we are selfish or even careless, we are the enemy at home. Now is the hour of our testing. Let us make it the hour of our victory over ourselves, victory over the enemy of freedom."

WILL BE CANDIDATE

I. C. E. Adams of Lowell has thrown his hat into the ring as a candidate for the nomination of supervisor from the Warren District to be voted on in the primaries in September next. Mr. Adams was formerly a resident of Bisbee and served as mayor one term and part of another. He is engaged in business in Lowell. He will in all probability be opposed by Vance Johnson, the present representative of the Warren District on the board and who is now chairman of that organization.

DEMONSTRATE HOT LUNCH PLAN AT ST. DAVID.

County Superintendent of Schools Miss Elsie Toles and Miss Helen Zimmerman, field demonstrator of the University of Arizona Extension Service, went down to St. David last night to give a practical demonstration of the hot lunch proposition that is now being put into service all over Arizona. The scene of the demonstration was in the village hall and a right good crowd was present when the party from Tombstone arrived.

Prof. Dykes, of the St. David schools, was master of ceremonies that had been prepared for the benefit of all. The program consisted of readings and songs by pupils of the school and the exercises began with community singing of the National Anthem.

The program was very well carried out. Miss Toles introduced Miss Zimmerman in a short speech and later took up school matters and laid the figures before the people as to the cost of installing a high school course or a combination Domestic Science and Manual Training course and from what the Prospector representative could gather, St. David will soon have a high school if the law will allow of it.

Miss Zimmerman was the magnet for the eyes of the little ones, and for the noses of the bigger ones, for when she got into action with her apparatus in the culinary line, and the smell of that soap permeated the atmosphere, the grown-ups set up with a "pass it around" attitude but the Prospector man only got the smell, for when he reached the working end of the demonstration the "cupboard was bare," so he took up another notch in his belt and let it go at that.

Miss Zimmerman knows just what she is doing, works and talks to the audience just like she was at home in a kitchen getting a meal for eleven kids and a grown up husband. The talk of Miss Zimmerman was thoroughly appreciated by the children and parents, and the entire meeting was a success.

Deputy County School Superintendent Miss Helen Benedict went along to see how it was all done and incidentally took her knitting along and seemed to enjoy herself even though she didn't get in on the "serving."

DIES FROM SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS

MIAMI, Feb. 4.—Ramon Gomez, 35 years of age, of Inspiration townsite, died yesterday following an attempt to end his life by cutting his throat with a safety razor blade. Although he slashed his throat from ear to ear, Dr. Lacey who was called to investigate the case, pronounced death due to the shock of the self-inflicted wound and natural causes. No inquest to place the blame for the death was held.

According to the family of the Mexican, the deceased had been suffering with miners' consumption for some time and is believed that this was the reason which prompted him to take his life.

SAILED FOR FRANCE

According to a letter received in Tombstone by Oscar Schneider, from his uncle in Missouri, Charles Schneider, his brother, sailed for France from an eastern port, Sunday, January the 27th, and will soon be "Over There." Charlie was a resident of Tombstone for several years and conducted The Style Shop, which he turned over to his brother when he was sent to Camp Funston last October. He made good at the camp and was soon transferred to Camp Merritt, N. J., where he remained several months, and from there was sent to France. Oscar expects to receive a letter from him within the next few days stating that he has arrived.

Serbians in the Globe-Miami district have already raised \$152.50 which has already been turned over to the Serbian Red Cross. The money was collected by Mrs. O. Kalak and Mrs. Don Radovich.